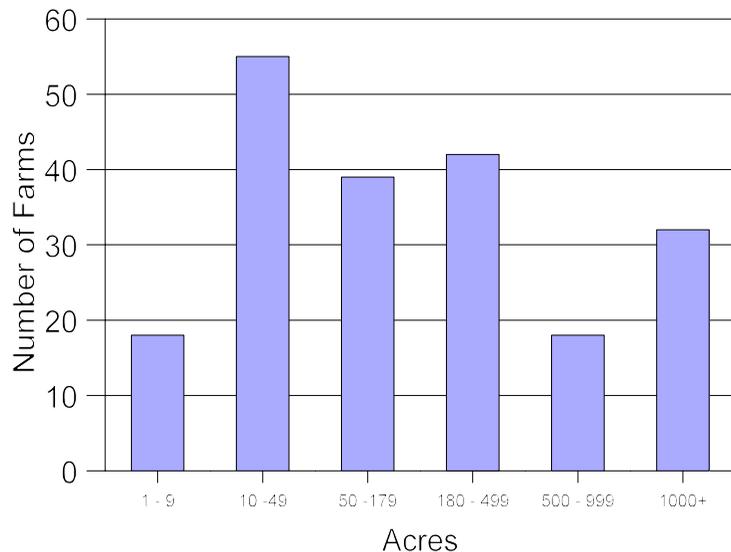
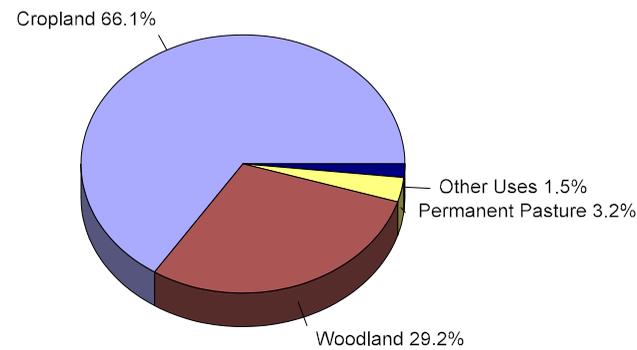


## FARMS

### Farms by Size



### Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	133
Other	71
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	171
Female	33
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	259
Black or African American	20
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>5</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for "cropland pasture" and "other pasture" are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than 1/2 of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series" for complete footnotes.



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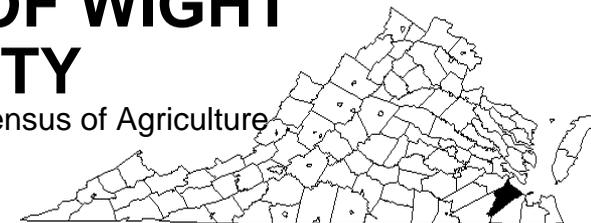
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## ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY

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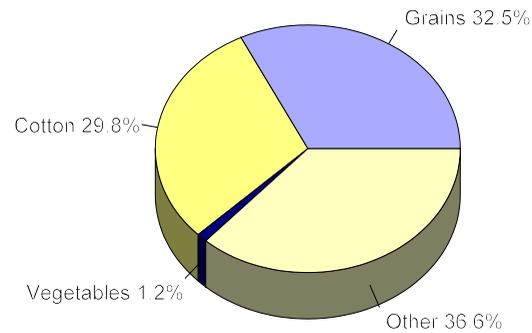
Isle of Wight County is located in the southern part of the coastal plain. One of the eight original shires into which Virginia was divided in 1634, the county was originally called "Warrosquyoake" after a tribe of the Powhatan Confederacy. However, the name was changed to Isle of Wight in 1637 after the English isle of the same name.

The topography of Isle of Wight is generally level and is often swampy along the streams. Elevations vary from sea level to 100 feet. The frost-free growing season averages 200 days, usually extending from around April 15 to around November 1. Annual precipitation averages almost 48 inches.

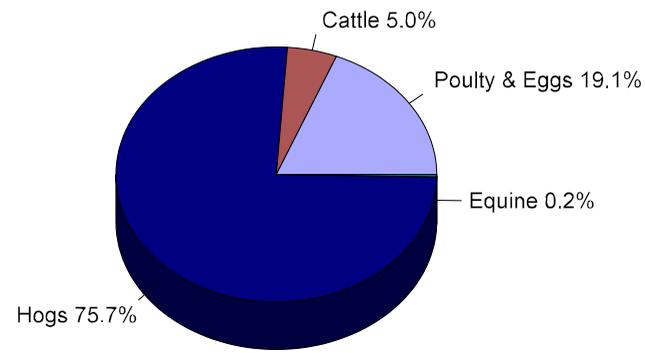
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	204	214
Land in Farms (acres)	86,521	89,890
Average size of farm	424	420
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$32,058,000	\$41,465,000
Average per farm	\$157,147	\$193,764
Government Payments	\$21,817	\$6,207

# CASH RECEIPTS

## Crops



## Livestock & Poultry



### Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,378	14	95	1,289	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	4,004	2	15	199	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	157	40	95	1,481	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	4,696	3	97	260	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3,556	16	94	693	2,918
Cattle and calves	929	67	97	2,575	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	83	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	14,078	2	90	215	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	9	66	93	2,374	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	29	76	94	2,618	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	87	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	403,000	13	79	413	2,599
Hogs and pigs	(D)	2	87	(D)	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	18	96	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	3,267	67	97	2,684	3,059
All Goats	709	21	95	730	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Cotton	13,689	3	17	220	663
Soybeans	12,563	17	79	977	2,076
Peanuts	9,887	3	14	48	398
Corn for grain	9,006	15	96	1,090	2,592
All Wheat for grain	4,720	15	87	945	2,517

### FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-						
1940	1,248	140,154	33	48,481	3,951	3,499	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,064	118,416	49	47,213	2,555	1,661	3,205	NA	60,536
1950	1,246	139,327	91	48,643	1,750	3,906	1,252	NA	79,796
1954	1,003	135,760	162	49,485	1,092	6,027	4,098	NA	71,113
1959	686	104,409	165	45,573	1,338	4,072	1,448	NA	51,476
1964	532	100,275	270	42,885	4,034	4,488	2,302	2,606	36,696
1969	547	102,108	363	44,368	6,189	7,032	1,399	5,956	28,043
1974 4/	397	100,030	651	53,500	2,157	5,310	4,935	2,909	26,376
1978	352	96,496	1,169	49,884	3,154	5,423	1,326	3,539	30,424
1982	333	100,415	1,462	59,082	1,894	3,081	3,075	4,375	26,054
1987	245	83,901	1,260	45,338	9,138	2,867	1,531	2,393	20,545
1992	212	86,247	1,661	53,206	3,390	3,281	1,286	2,244	20,700
1997 2/	214	89,890	1,547	55,902	3,986	2,643	1,966	517	18,002
<b>2002</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>86,521</b>	<b>1,887</b>	<b>49,373</b>	<b>5,283</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>2,793</b>	<b>4,924</b>	<b>20,306</b>

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